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Please respond to Jim Muskett <jimmuskett@worldnet.att.net>

To: CommissionerWeintraub@fec.gov

cc:

Subject: Socialist Workers Party Exemption Vote

Dear Commissioner Weintraub:

I am writing to you to object to the renewal of an exemption that apparently has been granted to the Socialist Workers Party since 1979. I am not in favor of renewing this exemption, and furthermore I don't think ANY party or candidate should be allowed to keep their donor lists secret. Were it not for an article in the Wall Street Journal and Newsday I wouldn't have been aware that such an exemption could even exist.

As a frequent poll volunteer I firmly believe that one of the most sacred duties a citizen can exercise is their right to vote. It is critical to the free exercise of that sacred duty that the citizenry be as fully informed as possible about the candidates, the issues and the donors or organizations that support said candidates. This requires that the election process be as transparent as possible in its operation while protecting the absolute secrecy of the individual citizens' vote.

I find that a vote to exempt any party or candidate from inspection by the electorate is prejudicial to the citizens' right to expect a fair and open election process.

In summary, I ask you and your fellow commissioners to vote against the grant of this exemption for the Socialist Worker Party. I am sending a copy of this email to Senators Bob Graham and Bill Nelson and Representative Bill Young so that they may be informed of my opinion.

Respectfully,

Jim Muskett
South Pasadena, FL USA